

Statewide Summary of Montana's 2010-11 Traffic Education Programs*

(From the period of July 1, 2010– June 30, 2011)

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PROGRAM ENROLLMENT	
173	public high school districts were eligible to offer a traffic education program.

- high school districts **offered** a state-approved traffic education program.
- 12,740 public and private high school students were **eligible** to enroll in traffic education.
- students **completed** traffic education.

WHEN OFFERED

- districts offered the program **before school hours**.
- 29 districts offered the program during **regular school hours**.
- districts offered the program **after school hours**.
- districts offered the program in the **summer**.

PROGRAM FEES

- high school districts charged a **fee** during the **first semester**; **67** during the **second semester**; and **79** during the **summer**. The **minimum** fee was **\$20.00**. The **maximum** fee was **\$340.00**. The **mode** fee was **\$235.00**.
- districts charged **no fee**.
- plan, for the upcoming school year and summer, to increase the fee charged students.

PROGRAM CHARACTERISTICS

- 49 districts **granted credit** for successful completion of traffic education.
- districts **screened students** for visual acuity.
- 70 districts employed a traffic and safety education **coordinator and/or supervisor**.
- districts offered **pedestrian** safety instruction in the elementary and middle schools.
- 81 districts offered **school bus rider** safety instruction in the elementary and middle schools.
- districts offered **bicycle** safety instruction in the elementary and middle schools.
- 49 districts offered traffic education for **adult** beginners.
- districts provided traffic education for **students with disabilities**.
- districts taught an instructional unit on sharing the road with **motorcycles**.
- districts emphasized and required the use of **seatbelts**.
- districts used Montana's current Traffic Education **Curriculum Guide** for its high school program.
- 31 districts conducted **follow-up research** on student performance (violations/crashes).
- districts taught an instructional unit on the effects of **alcohol/drug** use in driving.
- 99 districts involved **parents** in the Traffic Education program.
- districts participated in the **Cooperative Driver Testing Program (CDTP)**.
- districts utilized **computers** in their program.
- districts used the Office of Public Instruction (**OPI**) Web site to obtain traffic education information.

NUMBER OF TEACHERS AND RATES OF PAY

- 41 **full-time** teachers were employed.
- part-time teachers were employed.
- \$15.00 per hour is the **minimum** rate paid.
- \$50.00 per hour is the **maximum** rate paid.
- \$20.00 per hour is the **mode** minimum rate paid.
- \$20.00 per hour is the **mode** maximum rate paid.

VEHICLES

- vehicles were used in the program.
 - 8 districts obtained their vehicles on a **free loan** basis.
 - districts obtained their vehicles on a **daily fee** basis.
 - districts obtained their vehicles on a lease or rent basis.
 - 88 districts **owned** their vehicles.
 - 0 **instructors owned** and provided vehicles.
 - districts used **other** means to obtain vehicles.

CRASHES

- traffic **crashes** occurred involving a student driver while in the traffic education vehicle.
- 0 persons were **killed**.
- 1 persons were **injured**.
- \$19,074.58 **property damage** costs incurred.

COST PER PUPIL

\$456.64 **average** per pupil cost. (District costs were partially offset by state reimbursement amounting to **\$88.49** per pupil.)

^{*} This information was compiled from the 2010-11 Traffic Education Year End Reports completed by all high school districts conducting state-approved traffic education programs during the summer of 2010 and the school year 2010-11. If you have questions, please contact Fran Penner-Ray by telephone at (406) 444-4432, or e-mail fpenner-ray@.mt.gov.